



City of Deer Park, Ohio

The City of DEER PARK DISPATCH

"The Right Town for a Bright Future"

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Ron Rairden and Jim Fischer say Goodbye to Deer Park Softball Management after 50 Years



Mayor David Collins (center) Presents Certificate of Merit to Ron Rairden (left) and Jim Fischer for 50 years of service.

A longtime fixture at Thursday night's softball games has decided it's time to hand over the league's reigns.

Deer Park resident Ron Rairden is hanging up his gloves after 50 years with the city's Softball league. The 2010 season was Ron's last, along with Jim Fischer, a former Silverton resident who has helped Ron for years.

Ron first became involved with the Deer Park softball league as a player with St. John's Youth Club team in 1961. In 1977, he took over as manager when former manager Jerry Jackson asked him to take over. He's operated the league ever since.



Mayor David Collins

"I have a love for softball, and seeing the guys play. I enjoyed it and wanted to make it one of the better leagues than some of the others around," Ron said.

During his time the league began giving out cash prizes to the top teams, and the number of competitive teams grew from seven to as high as 13.

You'll still see Ron and Jerry around the ball fields as the 2011 season gears up. They'll be mentoring new manager Ryan Dirckers. "He's got as much love for the game as Jim and I had, and was really interested in taking over the league," Ron said. ♦

Expanded “Days in the Park” Festival a Hit

This year’s expanded “Days in the Park” was a great success! We want to thank the entire community for turning out for this year’s three-day festival. We had great weather and all three days were extremely well attended. The city would like to extend a special thank you to the volunteers of the Kenwood Baptist Church and members of the Park Board who put the event together. All proceeds go back into Chamberlin Park for capital improvements. 🍀



“Wildman” Walker Opens the show



Galbraith Road Repaving Project Finished, Linden, Lake and Beech Repaved



Galbraith Road



Lake Avenue

Road work on Galbraith Road, one of the city’s main transportation arteries, has finally been completed after months of work and several years of behind-the-scenes preparation. The entire road has been repaved from Kenwood Road to the Amberley Village line.

Since 2006, the city has worked to find available sources of funding for road projects that are just now coming to fruition. Funding for the widening and resurfacing of Galbraith Road, east of Blue Ash Road to Jewish Hospital in Kenwood, was first available in April 2006 from the Ohio Municipal

Road Fund and was a joint project with Sycamore Township and Hamilton County.

In late 2008, federal stimulus funds were made available for resurfacing Galbraith Road through Amberley Village and Deer Park to Blue Ash Road (the remaining portion of Galbraith Road from Blue Ash Rd west to the Amberley Village line). The city initially applied for state funds for this project, but the federal funding became available first, because this was deemed a “shovel ready” project.

Also, in September portions of Beech, Lake and Linden Avenues north of Galbraith were repaved in conjunction with Greater Cincinnati Water Works following the installation of new water mains. After the recommendation of City Service Director Michael Berens, GCWW repaved the portion of the road it was obligated to repave, and the city repaved the rest. 🍀

Snow Removal Service Will be Back to Expected Levels This Year

This year the city's salt reserves are at normal levels after a previous year of price hikes and shortages that left government entities all across Ohio short. This year the city purchased about 300 tons of salt now that prices are in the \$60 range, down from \$124 at its peak. Please remember to move your vehicles from the streets during major snow events, which makes it easier for crews to clear the streets. This year we're striving to deliver the same level of road clearing service during snow storms that you've come to expect. ♦

Remember to Keep a Leash on Your Pets, and Pick Up after Them



The City wants to remind pet owners to be a good neighbor by cleaning up after pets and keeping them on a leash during walks through the community. It's not only the right thing to do, but it's also required under city ordinance. Thank you for doing your part in making Deer Park a clean, safe and beautiful place to live. ♦

Curbside Leaf Collection Gears Up in mid-October

The City of Deer Park's annual curbside leaf collection will begin the week of October 18, and end in mid-December. Due to changing weather conditions and other factors, it is difficult to establish an exact schedule for the pick-up. Raked leaves must be placed between the sidewalk and the curb. Please do NOT pile leaves in the gutters or ditches because they will obstruct drainage and clog

the storm water catch basins. Only leaves can be picked up by the leaf machine, so tree branches, trimmings, flower cuttings, etc. must not be piled with leaves.

Residents are reminded that the burning of leaves is prohibited.

PLEASE NOTE: The city's weekly brush chipping will be suspended during the city's curbside leaf collection. ♦

Rumpke Reminds You: Mattress and TV Set Restrictions

Remember, for safety reasons, the maximum TV size for pick up by Rumpke is 30 inches. For larger TVs, please contact the city to arrange pick up. Mattresses should be rolled and tied. For safety reasons, any mattresses or any fabric-covered furniture **MUST** be wrapped in plastic. If they are not properly wrapped, Rumpke will not remove them. ♦

Deer Park Meetings will now be Televised

If you can't make Deer Park City Council meetings, or are curious about council members' work, you can now watch meetings online or on television.

Council meetings now will be recorded and broadcast by ICRC (the Intercommunity Cable Regulatory Commission) community television.

Meetings can be viewed each week on Time Warner channel 8 (channel 15 for those without cable box):

Wednesdays at 11:00 a.m.

Saturdays at 7:30 p.m.

Mondays at 1:00 p.m.

When a new meeting occurs it will broadcast the following Wednesday.

Online videos can be viewed at <http://icrcvtv.com/deer-park>

Deer Park City Council meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month at 7 p.m. Meetings are held in

Council Chambers at the Municipal Building, 7777 Blue Ash Rd. ♦



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Sycamore Senior Center to Host Special Veteran's Luncheon



Sycamore Senior Center Veteran's Luncheon

When Sgt. Homer Wilson came to the Sycamore Senior Center's office requesting permission to start a monthly luncheon for our nations vets, the Sycamore Senior Center was thrilled and excited to be a part of it. Each month, more and more Veterans,

their widows and families continue to come together for fun, fellowship, food, and sharing. Each month features a guest speaker and entertainment as well as a great plate lunch served at your table.

For the second year, we welcome the Blue Ash Kroger staff as they'll sponsor the November luncheon in honor of Veterans' Day. The luncheon is Nov. 12 at 12:30 p.m. They'll be serving up prime rib and plenty of fixings and sides for our heroes and their families. In order to make sure that the mess staff has enough chow on hand for all the troops, please call Sgt. Homer Wilson at (513) 745-0617

no later than a week before the luncheon and let him know you plan to attend, and how many guests you'll bring along. For more information about the Sycamore Senior Center, please call our welcome desk at (513) 984-1234. ♦



Sycamore Senior Center

Deer Park Business Association Hosts Deer Park SOUPer Bowl Community Chili Challenge

The Deer Park Business Association will be hosting the first-ever "Deer Park SOUPer Bowl Community Chili Challenge" on Friday, Nov. 12 from 7 – 11 p.m. at the Francis R. Healy Community Center in Chamberlin Park. There will be prizes, raffles, beer, snacks and of course CHILI!

The chili cook-off will also feature the 2nd annual fire vs. police chili cook-off challenge.

The goals of the contest are simply to raise AWARENESS of needs within the community and then to make donations to several worthy causes within our own community – along with having fun and building community spirit and togetherness.

This year's worthy recipients include: The Deer Park Police Dept. to support D.A.R.E. programs, the Deer Park Park Board to support park improvements, the Deer Park

Silverton Joint Fire Dept., to help fund new heart monitors for EMS response vehicles and also support the Deer Park High School community service group Communserv, who will again be assembling food baskets for the needy families in our district as identified by our school nurses.

All residents and anyone who works within the City of Deer Park are eligible to compete. You must be 18 years or older to register. Sixteen and 17-year olds can compete if they register with an adult. Entry forms and complete contest rules can be obtained by contacting Donna Farrell at First Financial Bank either by phone (513) 686-8901 or email donna.farrell@bankatfirst.com.

The FIRST PLACE winner will receive a U.S. Savings Bond, a trophy and also be offered the opportunity to be a guest co-host of the popular ICRC TV program "What's Cookin' in Deer Park." Other prizes will be awarded as well. ♦

Deer Park Souper Bowl Community Challenge Featuring the Second Annual

Police / Fire Chili Cook-Off

**Friday - Nov. 12th, 6 - 9 pm
at the Deer Park Community Center**



**Enter your winning Chili and bring your friends!
All Chili Contest entries must be
registered on or before Wednesday, Nov. 3rd .**

**1st Place Winner receives \$500 Savings Bond, a Trophy from KAM Awards
and a Guest Spot on What's Cooking in DP.**

**For Contest Rules and Entry information,
Please contact Donna Farrell at 686-8901.**



Proceeds will Benefit the DPHS Communserv Holiday Food Baskets, DP/Silverton Fire District (New Heart Monitors for EMS), DP Park Board (Park Improvements) & DP Police DARE Program.

Learn About the Latest Medicare Changes at Sycamore Senior Center

The Ohio Senior Health Insurance Program is hosting a



Medicare Checkup Day Nov. 10, 10 a.m., at the Sycamore Senior Center, 4455 Carver Woods Drive in Blue Ash. During the free session, you can learn about recent changes in Medicare, find out how the Nov. 15

– Dec. 31 Medicare Annual Coordinated Election Period works and get tips on how to enroll for 2011 coverage in a Medicare prescription drug plan (Part D) and/or a Medicare health plan. Bring your list of prescription drugs to compare plans for 2011, and see if you qualify to save an average of \$3,900 on your prescription drug costs. Visit www.ohioinsurance.gov or call 1-800-686-1578 to learn more about this event and Medicare. ♦

Business Spotlight: Rusty's Ristorante



You don't have to go outside Deer Park for an affordable, fun Italian-American meal. Rusty's Ristorante, 8028 Blue Ash Road, is just one of Deer Park's home grown eateries conveniently located right here in the neighborhood.

Rusty's has been a Deer Park fixture for more than 26 years. Thirteen years ago owner Marlene Smith (who had been a restaurant employee) bought it from founder Rusty Harris. She and Rusty brought the restaurant back from the brink of extinction before Marlene took over.

"He had sold it to a gentleman from New York who ran it for a few years. Then he closed it up and filed for bankruptcy. Rusty asked me if I would help him open it back up so he could sell it. Then I just decided to buy my old job back," quipped Marlene, who you can still catch working at Rusty's along with Kitchen Manager Brian

Brown.

Rusty's has an old-fashioned, quiet, community restaurant feel. Specializing in fine casual dining, Rusty's is known for its prime rib, homemade crab cakes, shrimp, scallops and

other seafood. Rusty's also has a full bar and a private banquet room that fits up to 50 guests for wedding rehearsal dinners, birthday parties or other special occasions.

"It's nice being part of small community where you have a lot of regular customers, and where neighbors and friends meet," Marlene said.

You can enjoy dinner at Rusty's seven nights a week. Monday nights feature a barbecued ribs special for only \$8.50. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings a selection of value meals are available for only \$8.95.

Hours are: Mon. 5 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Tue.-Thu. 11 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Fri. 11 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Sat 4 p.m. - 10 p.m.

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You can find Rusty's online at: www.rustysristorantedeerpark.com or call (513) 793-6881. ♦

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What Can I Recycle?

The simple act of recycling can make a world of difference for our environment and your community. There are plenty of examples of how recycling helps save our resources and improve our communities. In 2009, Hamilton County residents recycled 36,587 tons of metal, glass, plastic and paper.

These efforts:

- Conserved enough energy to power 6,689 homes for a year,
- Saved 306,350 trees from being harvested,
- Reduced more greenhouse gas emissions than if every household in Colerain Township (22,418) stopped driving one car for a year and
- Eliminated the need to use 3,123 tons of other natural resources such as

iron ore, limestone and coal.

But don't just put anything in your bin; make sure you know which materials can be recycled in Hamilton County. The majority of Hamilton County communities have curbside recycling programs which will accept:

- Newspapers
- Office paper
- Magazines
- Phonebooks
- Junk mail
- Envelopes
- Paperboard (cereal boxes, etc.)
- Cardboard
- Aluminum and steel cans
- Aerosol cans (with the tips removed)
- Glass bottles and jars
- Plastic bottles and jugs

** Curbside recycling programs are not able to accept plastic bags or lids, so make sure to avoid putting plastic bags in your recycling bin and remove all lids when recycling plastic bottles and jugs.*

To learn more about recycling in your community, visit the Hamilton County Solid Waste Management District website at www.hamiltoncountyclecyles.org or call 946-7766.

Veronica Smith, Public Relations Intern, Hamilton County Environmental Services ♻️

Keep up with Deer Park Schools with Wildcat Wire

Remember, you can catch up on Deer Park School news in a flash! Deer Park School District has launched its very own bi-monthly postcard to be delivered to your mailbox with the most updated schedule of district events, news, and information for parents and members of our community. If you do not begin receiving our mailer, and would like to, please contact Communications Coordinator, Gini Verbesselt at verbesselt.g@deerparkcityschools.org

Also, remember to sign up for the "Wildcat Wire", an e-newsletter that is delivered straight to your email once a month to keep you informed of the great things happening in Deer Park Schools! 🐾



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Get Out Safely: A Fact Sheet on Fire Escape Planning

More than 4,000 Americans die each year in fires, and 20,000 are injured. Deaths resulting from failed emergency escapes are particularly avoidable. The U. S. Fire Administration (USFA), a part of the U. S. Department of Homeland Security, believes that having a sound escape plan will greatly reduce fire deaths and protect you and your family's safety if a fire occurs.

Have a sound escape plan

In the event of a fire, remember time is the biggest enemy and every second counts! Escape plans help you get out of your home quickly. In less than 30 seconds a small flame can get completely out of control and turn into a major fire. It only takes minutes for a house to fill with thick black smoke and become engulfed in flames.

Special considerations:

Practice escaping from every room in the home

Practice escape plans every month. The best plans have two ways to get out of each room. If the primary way is blocked by fire or smoke, you will need a second way out. A secondary route might be a window onto an adjacent roof or a collapsible ladder, evaluated by a nationally recognized laboratory such as Underwriters Laboratories (UL), for escape from upper story windows. Make sure that windows are not stuck, screens can be taken out quickly and that security bars

can be properly opened. Also, practice feeling your way out of the house in the dark or with your eyes closed.

Security bars require special precautions

Security bars may help to keep your family safe from intruders, but they can also trap you in a deadly fire! Windows and doors with security bars must have quick release devices to allow them to be opened immediately in an emergency. Make sure everyone in the family understands and practices how to properly operate and open locked or barred doors and windows.

Immediately leave the home

When a fire occurs, do not waste any time saving property. Take the safest exit route, but if you must escape through smoke, remember to crawl low, under the smoke and keep your mouth covered. The smoke contains toxic gases which can disorient you or, at worst, overcome you.

Never open doors that are hot to the touch

When you come to a closed door, use the back of your hand to feel the top of the door, the doorknob, and the crack between the door and door frame to make sure that fire is not on the other side. If it feels hot, use your secondary escape route. Even if the door feels cool, open it carefully. Brace your shoulder against the door and open it slowly. If heat and smoke come in, slam

the door and make sure it is securely closed, then use your alternate escape route.

Designate a meeting place outside and take attendance

Designate a meeting location away from the home, but not necessarily across the street. For example, meet under a specific tree or at the end of the driveway or front sidewalk to make sure everyone has gotten out safely and no one will be hurt looking for someone who is already safe. Designate one person to go to a neighbor's home to phone the fire department.

Once Out, Stay Out

Remember to escape first, then notify the fire department using the 911 system or proper local emergency number in your area. Never go back into a burning building for any reason. Teach children not to hide from firefighters. If someone is missing, tell the firefighters. They are equipped to perform rescues safely.

Finally, having working smoke alarms installed on every level of your home dramatically increases your chances of survival. Smoke alarm batteries need to be tested every month and changed with new ones at least once a year. Also, consider replacing the entire smoke alarm every ten years, or as the manufacturer guidelines recommend. ♦



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791-8056

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